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Federal Communications Commission  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
455 12<sup>th</sup> St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Nomination for Board Member Position Representative for Schools on  
the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21**

Dear Sir:

The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) nominates Becky Rains for the Universal Service Administrative Company board position representing schools.

Ms. Rains has worked in the telecommunications arena for over 30 years and has been involved in E-rate since early 2001. Under Ms. Rains' leadership, Arkansas gained 100% participation of eligible schools in the filing of E-rate applications for funding years 2008, 2009, and 2010. Through her involvement, schools continue to submit successful applications and meet program deadlines. In the fall of 2001, the Arkansas E-rate Workgroup (AEWG) was formed with Ms. Rains as chair. The AEWG established training programs and a communications stream that continues to be used.

The ADE requests the FCC consider this nomination favorably. We feel Ms. Rains will be an asset to the Board, program and all applicants. Ms. Rains is an advocate for not only the E-rate applicant but for the E-rate Program; without both neither can succeed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom W. Kimbrell".

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